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## Agriculture.

## Selected Cal.

### SCENE IN A VILLAGE BAR-ROOM

BY HORACE B. STANFORD.

MANURES FOR SPRING.—It is now time to look about and prepare for spring work. It is time to determine what fields are to be sown with spring grain and what are to be planted.

The manures from the winter heaps may as well be carried out while the snow covers the ground as at a later period. Large heaps or small heaps may be made in March in the field of its destination while the frost remains, and when warm weather comes the heaps may be overhauled and thrown up so light as to create sufficient fermentation before the time of planting. Nothing will be lost by removing the winter heaps from the barn to the field before the frost is gone.

On many farms heaped manure may be removed better now than at any time before planting. Where wet or low grounds are to be crossed there needs to be no damage at this season, and the work of plowing may be much facilitated by having the manure early in the field.

### HOW TO WINTER ONE HUNDRED SHEEP ON AN ACRE AND A HALF OF GROUND.

A correspondent of the *Ohio Farmer* says he does it in this way:—“I take for the purpose nothing more than a common wheat soil; if rich, the growth is apt to be too large. I plow it deeply, harrow well, and about the 20th of June sow two and a half bushels of corn. I use large variety; plow in with shovel plow, or cultivator, and if weeds try to grow among it, will get well rid of such a sickly life, and try to grow among something else the next time. Leave standing until the leaves get scarce and the crop loses weight some; then cradle down, when dry, and put in loose shocks, tie at the top with rye straw and leave standing until wanted for feed; it may be fed out short, or as it is on clean ground. In this way I have wintered one hundred head of sheep without grain, and in good order, on an acre and a half of land. I have not had a better crop of wool, nor lost fewer sheep, nor raised a better crop of lambs, for five years, than I have done this spring.”

SHOEING OXEN.—We frequently find in agricultural papers some remarks about shoeing horses, but have never seen anything therein about shoeing oxen. Now, it is true that a horse should be shod in such a manner as to cause him to stand and travel with ease, and the oxen should be shod with equal care, but we frequently find oxen especially large oxen lamed by shoeing. Now we find one great error to be in the length and shape of the shoes. If the shoes are long and crooked, they of course, allow the weight of the ox to bear on the inner edge of the shoe, or center of the foot, causing the hoof to eam in an unnatural position. This may do for small, light cattle, but with heavy oxen it is quite different. In shoeing large oxen there should be one inch of the toe or forward end of the hoof left bare—and be sure that the shoe sets flush with the outside of the hoof. Then the heel of the shoe should not be crooked or turned in too much; but our blacksmiths are apt to be in too great a hurry, and if a shoe comes within halving distance of a good fit they must nail it on in preference to selecting a better.

THE HORSE.—An English sporting magazine gives the following rule to determine the height a colt will attain when full grown, and says that in nine cases out of ten the rule will hold good: When the colt gets to three weeks, or as soon as he is perfectly strengthened in the limbs, measure from the edge of the hair on the hoof to the middle of the first joint, and for every inch it will grow to the height of a hand of four inches when its growth is natural. Thus if this distance be found sixteen inches, it will make a horse sixteen hands high. By this means a man may know something what sort of a horse, with proper care, he is to expect from his colt.

PROPS OF FRUIT GROWING.—At the recent meeting of the fruit-growers of Western New York, held at Rochester, it was the universal testimony, that the product of apples is more remunerative than any other crop raised in that section. Several testified to the realization of from \$100 to \$150 per acre for apples. A gentleman from Oswego said that it was the estimate of the fruit committee in that county, that one acre devoted to fruit was equal to twelve with any other crop.

DRAINING.—Our bog meadows must all be well drained or they will not produce merchantable hay. Open ditches dug parallel to each other, and four or six rods apart, according to the wetness of the meadow, are the best drains that we have seen. Covered drains are not necessary unless in places near the dwelling house, or where they are crossed by teams.

If its bands may be used; Doubt the Patriot when suggestions—Whisper that its props may slide!”

Father! We whose ears have tingled With the discord notes of shame;

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## Historical.

### MEMOIR OF RHODE ISLAND.

1666.

from the rest of this your Majesties colony, by the name of the King’s Province; and prohibited all colonies from the exercise of jurisdiction therein. And after, by a special commission under their honors’ hands and seals, did commit the government to the Governor and Council of this colony, until your Majesties pleasure be further known.

All which being the effect of your Majesties gracious and farther care of us your poore unworthy subjects, thereby we feel much ease at present from the great oppressors; and for it we return all humble thanks as in duty bound.

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I looked back once at that happy, beauteous face, just to contrast it with the pale, frightened features I had seen on that dismal night, in the bar-room.

### Laws of R. Island.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, AND PROTECTORATE PLANTATIONS.

In General Assembly, January Session, AD. 1856.

His Excellency the Governor having communicated to this General Assembly, Resolutions of the Legislature of Massachusetts, strongly urging on the United States Government payment of the claims of American citizens for epidemics committed on their commerce under authority of the French Government, anterior to the year eighteen hundred one; and this General Assembly, concurring in the opinion expressed by the Massachusetts Legislature, and reaffirming the report and resolutions adopted at the January session 1844, and accepting the report made by the committee at the present session:

“To therefore Resolved, That the said claims are honestly due and that a longer continued refusal of payment, after our favorable reports have been made to the Agent of the United States of America, would be a denial of justice by that said nation, highly derogatory to its character, and dangerous to our national credit.”

“George! George!” cried the wife.—“Starving—I do you that man run?”

“Yes I do,” the fellow replied with an effort. “Don’t sell you the same when you call for it?”

“But I am a poor drunkard, and you know it. That isn’t no excuse. Mike I shouldn’t think you’d do it.”

“But when he wants run he’s bound to have it, and if I didn’t let him have it, somebody else would,” the host said.

“Now that’s old,” energetically pursued the teamster. “On the same ground you might take a pistol and go out and rob folks, because if you don’t somebody else would. But that isn’t here nor there.—The thing is, I don’t see what kind of a heart you can have to do it.”

The conversation was here interrupted by a sound from the street. The wind was still blowing madly, and the snow was driving against the windows, but above the voice of the storm came the wailing of some one in distress. It was the cry of a child for help. We were all upon our feet in a moment, and the lauter was quickly lighted.

“Mike Fingal,” spoke the teamster, “do you sell that man run?”

“No fuel!—no food!” he groaned.

“O, sir, whispered the wife, catching Drake convulsively by the arm, “take us away from here. Da.”

“But you’re cold, Kate.”

“No, no, no. It’s only a little way to your house. I shall die here!”

“Will you go home with me, George?” Jim asked of the husband.

“Any where!” gasped the poor man. “O, my God! No fuel—no food! Kate Kate! are you hurt?”

But the wife could not speak, and as soon as possible the fat old villager had the lantern in readiness, and a half a dozen of them went to help him.

“Come, lead George, one of you—Take you Kate—you’re stouter than I—and I will take the little one.”

This last was spoken to the stout teamster, and he took the wife in his arms, as though she had been an infant.

“It’s only a few steps,” said Drake, as he started to go. “I’ll send your lantern back, Mike Fingal.”

And with this the party left the bar-room. I went to the window and saw them wading off through the deep snow, and when they went out of sight I turned away. The host came out and began to explain matters; but I was sick enough already, and with an aching heart I left the room.

On the following morning I came down to breakfast later than usual, for I had slept but little through the night. About nine o’clock the driver came in and told us the stage would be ready in a few minutes.—I went into the bar-room for a cigar. Jim Drake had just come in to bring the old cloak they had wrapped around the child the night before.

“What’ll ye have this morning, Jim?” I heard the landlord ask, as he set out a tumbler.

“Nothing,” returned the fat man, emphatically. “I’m done, Mike Fingal. I’m done with that stuff. I’ll drink no more of it. I wouldn’t have come now, only poor Lockland was up and his sweet little wife was hanging about his neck. They was cryin’ so I couldn’t stand it, and I had to clear out. O, it’s dreadful, Mike Fingal. You don’t know what them poor things have suffered! But they shan’t have my example any more.”

“All ready!” shouted the driver. And I was forced to leave. The wind had all gone down; the air was sharp and bracing, and slowly we waded away from the village.

I reached Buffalo two days later than I had expected when I set out, and having transacted my business there, I went on the Mississippi, and so on down to New Orleans.

Four years afterwards I had occasion to travel that same road again, and stopped in that same village to take dinner. The bar was still open, but Michael Fingal had gone away. I walked out after dinner, and soon came across a neatly painted office, over the door of which I read: “George Lockland, Attorney and Counselor at Law.” In less than five minutes afterwards I saw a fat, good-natured man coming towards me, whom I at once recognized as Jim Drake. As he came up, I said:—

“Excuse me, sir, but I wish to ask how Mr. Lockland is getting on now.”

“Squire Lockland, you probably mean I’m away, with a proud look. You know him, then?”

“I did once,” said I.

“Then you ought to know him now. He is the first man in the county—the first man sir. Four years ago this next month that’s coming, he was just about as low as a man could be, but he started right up, and now he’s almost as high as a man can be. Did ye know the Squire’s wife?”

“I have seen her,” I replied.

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## Miscellaneous.

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**AUGUSTUS FRENCH,**  
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Bonnet and Millinery Goods.

No. 96, Thames Street.

Jan 8, 1835.

**R. F. BERRY,**  
DENTIST,

125 THAMES STREET,

opposite E. A. Sherman's.

**C. H. STANTON.**  
DEALER IN

REVISIONS, SHIP STORES, GROCERIES

TEAS, FRUIT, &c. &c.

At Store No. 55 Thames-st., opposite Collected  
Row.

Jan 8.

**G. B. GULICK,**  
Engraver on Wood,

121 WASHINGTON STREET,

(Entrance on Newgate Avenue)

Dec 18-1835. BOSTON.

**Carpentering.**

STEAM MILL.

THE SUBSCRIBERS wish to call the attention

of their friends and the public generally

to their Establishment on Tanner street, where

they keep on hand and are constantly making

Window frames, Stashes, Blinds, Doors and Panel

Carpentry and Milling of every description.

Planing and Sawing of all kinds, such as Joint,

Planks, Boards and Clapboards. All Work  
executed.

Orders left with Morris, Finch & Son, will  
receive attention.

GIBBON LATTON & CO.

Newport, Sept 4, 1835-1.

**COAL & STEAM.**

THE SUBSCRIBERS having taken the Market

recently occupied by Andrew Stens, at No.

147 Thames Street, (end of Church street,) will